

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3323 - HB 3653

February 17, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires counties using optical-scan voting systems to print the number of paper ballots equal to 104 percent of the number of registered voters; however, a county election commission may petition the State Election Commission to print a fewer number of paper ballots if the county can show that 104 percent of the number of registered voters would be excessive.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Decrease Local Expenditures - \$51,600/ /FY10-11 and Every Two Years
Thereafter/Permissive
\$700/ /FY11-12/and Every Two Years
Thereafter/Permissive**

Other Fiscal Impact – All counties will use optical-scan voting systems in the 2012 election cycle and thereafter. These counties could realize a savings if the county election commissions elected to petition the State Election Commission to reduce the number of ballots required to be printed for an election. Any savings that could be realized would be permissive and would depend on which counties request a reduction and whether the State Election Commission approves such request.

Assumptions:

- In the 2010 election cycle only Hamilton and Pickett Counties will use optical-scan voting systems.
- Currently, optical-scan counties are required to print paper ballots equal to 104 percent of the number of registered voters for an election. The number of ballots to be printed was determined by the Coordinator of Elections.
- The decrease in expenditures would occur only if one or both of these counties petitioned the State Election Commission and the Commission determined the 104 percent to be excessive and allowed a reduction in the number of ballots to be printed.
- The first year savings is estimated to be \$12,969 for the November 2010 election; \$38,661 for the August 2010 election, for a total of \$51,630.

- The second year savings is estimated to be \$650 for a municipal election in 2011 in Hamilton County.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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